COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, July 23rd, 1883.

The Board of Aldermen met last night in the City Hall. Present: Mayor Meredith in the chair; Ald. Birrell, Hunt, Hyman, O'Meara, Cowan, Stringer, Skinner, Browne, Moore, Boyd, Becher and A. S. Abbott, City Clerk.

Minutes of last regular and a special meeting adopted, with the correction of a clerical error.

COMMUNICATIONS.

E. B. Reed—On behalf of the widow of the late L. Lawrason, in reference to income tax improperly imposed. No. One.

A. Massie—Claim for damage to his boat house and boats, done under the authority of corporation officials during the late flood. No. Two.

John Reddick—Asking extension of time for payment of taxes. No. One.

Geo. G. Evans and others—Asking that a meeting be called to discuss the Wellington street sewer tax question. No. Two.

Rev. J. W. Sutton, pastor of Grace M. E. Church, asking permission to erect a frame stable on the parsonage property, Queen's avenue. No. Three.

A. M. Gunn and others—Petition against a sewer on Queen's avenue, between Wellington and Waterloo streets. No. Two.

Wm. Saunders and 109 other prominent citizens—Asking that immediate action be taken for the rebuilding of Kensington bridge. Referred to Chairman Committee No. 2.

Capt. Manley, 10th Royals, Toronto—Resolution of thanks to the corporation of London for entertainment and welcome on May 24th. Filed.

John W. Kern—Reclaim for damaged tree guards. No. Two.

A. Pendergast—Asking extension of time for payment of taxes. No. One.

J B. and—Petition for remission of taxes. No. One.

ADVERTISER Printing and Publishing Co.—Account for $138.27. No. One.

ADVERTISER, Printing and Publishing Co.—Sample of ornamental printing. No. One.

J. H. Purdom—Asking the use of the Fair Grounds with right to close the gates on Sept. 1[illegible]th for Caledonian games. Granted.

Alex Harvey—Asking that the assessment on two houses in course of construction be struck off. No. One.

A. M. Gunn and others—Against the construction of a sewer proposed on Queen's Avenue. No. 2.

Account G. T. R. R.—Paupers' passes $2[illegible].05; P. O. Home, maintenance of paupers, $18. Referred to No. 3 Committee.

SALVATION ARMY.

A petition signed by J. M. O'Meara and several hundred citizens on behalf of the Salvation Army was read, asking that by-laws, preventing the use of the drum and other instruments on the street, be repealed. Capt. Addie, Capt. Wass, and private Parsons were heard in support of the petition. It was stated that they had willingly ceased beating the drum in the barracks when it was pointed out that it was a nuisance to persons living near by. They did not desire to be a nuisance, but to do good, and felt that the drum beating, etc., was an essential in their mode of worship. They also claimed equal rights with others.

The matter was referred to No. Two to report.

A DEPUTATION,

consisting of Messrs. A. B. Powell, D. Regan, W. W. Fitzgerald and S. McBride, was heard in support of the re-erection of Kensington bridge. They claimed that the work was a necessity to the city from a business standpoint. It was suggested that the material of the fallen Oxford street bridge might be utilized. The petitioners asked that immediate steps be taken so that the bridge could be completed before winter.

On motion the petition was referred to No. Two Committee.

REPORT NO. THREE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hunt, Chairman—That the petition of George McFadden to have street lamp opposite the B. M. E. church, Gray street, moved out a few feet, be granted; 2, That Mr. Appleton, of London East, be granted water at a rate and five-eighths, the city to be at no expense in the matter; 3, That the tender of Henry Colerick for painting, cleaning, etc., at City Hospital, amounting to $102, be accepted; 4, Your Committee beg to lay before you the report of Chief of Police Williams respecting the unsatisfactory way in which the street lamps are lighted. (The Chief's report set forth that during the past quarter 1,652 lamps were found unlit; quality of gas bad, and about half the lamps scarcely visible. Lamps are chiefly found unlit after 11 p. m., and on Sunday nights. Accompanying the report was an account for $522.75, and one for street lighting amounting to $1,368.23.)

The report was received. Ald. Becher moved, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the report be adopted, and that the payment of street lighting account be referred back to committee with instructions to consult the City Solicitor to ascertain the liability of the city to pay the same when lamps were unlit or the gas of inferior quality. Carried.

HOSPITAL VISITING STAFF.

On motion of Ald. Cowan, seconded by Ald. Browne, Dr. McLean was substituted on the Hospital visiting staff in place of Dr. Stevenson, deceased.

REPORT OF NO. TWO COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Browne, Chairman—1, Passage of pay rolls, $890.72; Wm. Cathro, on block pavement contract, $1,204, and on asphalt walk contract, $830; 2, That the claim of Nelles vs. the corporation, for damages to hack, be compromised, by the payment of $100 in full of all demands; 3, That the petition of E. H. Haynes and W. M. Moore, for the drains on George, Talbot and Colborne streets, be granted, the

Council to furnish the tile, the work of laying the same to be done by petitioners, under the supervision of the Engineer; 4, That the petition of A. Tytler and nineteen others, for improvement on George street between Oxford and Sydenham streets, be granted; 5, That Waterloo street, between Central and Princess Avenues, be graded; 6, That the claims of John Bailey, P Murray, Jas. Boyle and Mrs. McCallum, for destruction of tree guards, to be replaced at the expense of the city; 7, No action re the petition of W. Kern, claiming damages for tree guards; 8, That free holders desirous of having stone pavements placed in front of their properties be allowed to do so on the following conditions: That tenders be called for the same, and the cost to be borne equally by the corporation and the freeholder, the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer, and that a by-law be prepared to the above effect; 9, That an assistant in the City Engineer's office be appointed for one month during the present busy season; 10, By-laws are submitted for the further restraining of cattle or other animals from running at large within the corporation; 11, That two men be employed by this Council as special constables to carry out the city by-law, and that the fees, if any, be placed to the credit of the city.

Taken up clause by clause. First adopted and 2nd moved for adoption.

Ald. O'Meara—An amendment that the clause be struck out. No seconder. Clause adopted

Clause 3 read, and moved for adoption.

Ald. Stringer moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the clause be referred back to committee with instructions to bring in a detailed statement of all improvements intended to be made, over and above $16,000 voted by the Council. Lost on the following division: Yeas, Ald. Skinner and Stringer; nays, Ald. Birrell, Hunt, Hyman, O'Meara, Cowan, Browne, Boyd, Becher and Moore.

Clauses 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 adopted.

THE COW BY-LAW

Two by laws were submitted, one covering the whole city, the other extending to Grosvenor street.

The by-law intended to cover the city to Grosvenor street was read the first time. Second reading moved.

Ald. Birrell moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Browne that the by law intended to apply to the whole city be read a first time. Carried on the following division: Yeas, Ald. Birrell, Hunt, Skinner, Browne, Moore, Stringer—6 Nays, Hyman, O'Meara, Boyd, Becher and Cowan—5.

Second reading moved.

Ald. Hyman moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. O'Meara, that the by-law be read three months hence.

Ald. Boyd and O'Meara An amendment to the amendment: That the by-law be referred back to committee. Lost on the following division: Yeas—Hyman, O'Meara, Cowan, Boyd and Becher. Nays—Birrell, Hunt, Skinner, Browne, Stringer and Moore.

Ald. Boyd raised the point of order that the by-law was not properly before the Council.

The Mayor ruled to be order.

The amendment of Ald. Hyman was then lost, and the by-law was finally read and passed.

Clause 11 read and moved for adoption.

Ald. Boyd moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Cowan, that the clause be struck out. Lost on the following division: Yeas—Hyman, O'Meara, Cowan, Boyd and Becher. Nays—Birrell, Hunt, Skinner, Browne, Stringer and Moore.

The clause was passed and report adopted.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Ald. Becher suggested that No. Two Committee make a report showing the expenditure of the $16 000 granted by the Council.

Ald. O Meara supported the suggestion, but no action was taken.

THE FLOOD.

On motion of Ald. Hyman, the 84th rule of order in reference to money grants was suspended. He then moved, seconded by Ald Hunt, that $1 000 be placed at the credit of the Central Relief Committee for the benefit of the sufferers by the late flood. Carried.

Adjourned for two weeks.